REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-27 remain in the application. No claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added.

Double Patenting

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to U.S. Patent Number 6,631,454 to overcome the double patenting rejection to the same.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant submits herewith an IDS including an International Search Report and Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report. Applicant previously submitted all art identified in these reports.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendments and remarks, and that the Claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the Claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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